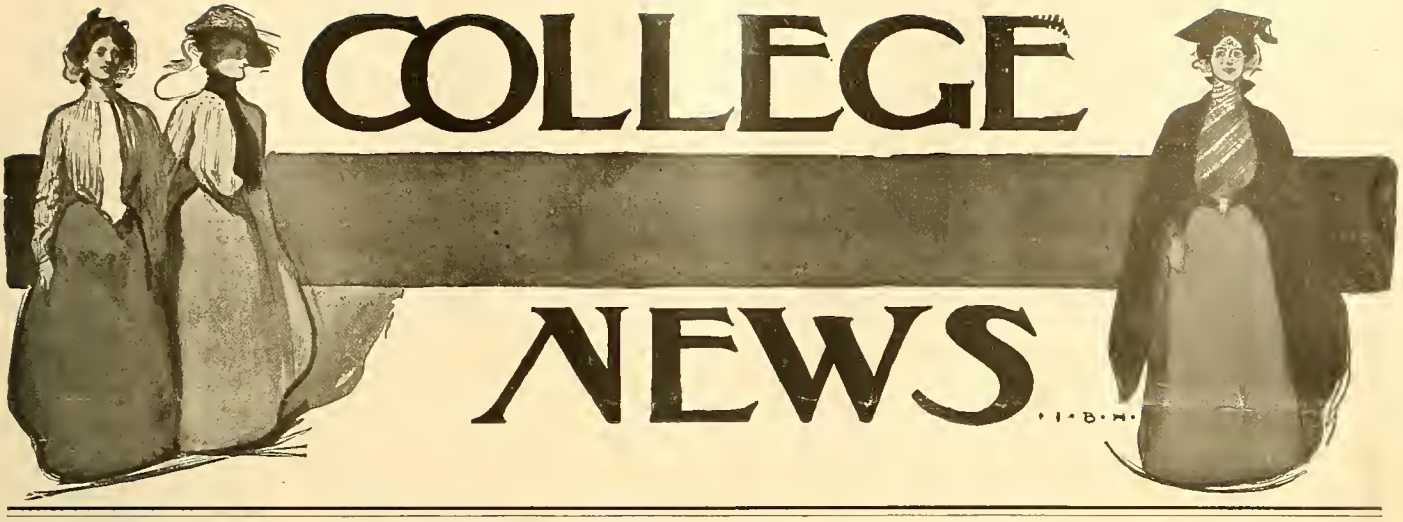

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A New Employment for Women.

"A new employment for women"—the subject will always arouse curiosity and interest, and both were stirred in Mrs. Wheeler's audience last Friday evening. Mrs. Wheeler was the guest of the Economics Club and spoke informally and in detail of the character and field of her own work, the work of a "Social Secretary."

The title of office is not self explanatory. What is a "Social Secretary?" Briefly, she is the intermediary between the employer and the employee, who in the present organization of the large industrial establishment have lost the old personal relationship of master and servant and are become as strangers to each other, neither of whom is in a position to understand or appreciate the other's point of view. It is this fact of separation that is largely responsible for constant misunderstandings, irritation and antagonisms, for undesirable conditions of labor of which the head of a firm is often ignorant, for the apparent indifference of employees to efforts made by employers to furnish them special comforts or opportunities. The institution of a Social Secretaryship is an attempt to bridge this gulf. To the general management she represents the worker, conditions, needs, desires, point of view; to the worker she shows the employer interested in his social and economic well being.

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Her actual work may be indicated if not defined. She will have charge of the lunch room, reading room, rest room or other provision for the comfort of employees. Their condition of health will be a chief concern, and she must secure sanitary conditions of work and medical attendance for those who fall ill. Illness furnishes also an opportunity of visiting a girl in her home and of coming into more personal and friendly relations. Again the Social Secretary will form classes or clubs among the women as a means of indirect instruction and of creating the desired social atmosphere. As she gains more and more the confidence and friendship of her little community, her opportunity for helpfulness becomes indefinitely great.

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Senior Elections.

At 4.15, on Wednesday, May 6, the class of 1904 held a class meeting for the election of their senior president, and for the election of a member from the class for the Executive Board of the Student Government Association. About 5 o'clock the other classes began to assemble in Centre and on the second and third floor, eagerly awaiting to cheer for the senior president.

We waited a long time for the results of this election. We went to dinner and came back again; we sang songs, and did all we could to pass the weary time of waiting, and finally we were rewarded. About 8 o'clock the whole junior class rushed to the railing on the third floor and yelled "Steele." Then everybody else clapped, and yelled "Steele" and the classes in turn cheered for "Madeline Steele, 1904 Senior President." The class of 1904 then ranged up on either side the stairs, and Madeline Steele, Florence Hutsinpillar, and Louise Hunter, marched down the steps. This double line moved out of College Hall, still keeping the President in their midst, and ran across the campus to their class tree, beyond the chapel. Here they formed in a circle, and sang and danced around the class tree, winding up with lusty cheers for 1904 and 1904's Senior President. Then once more the triumphal procession started on its way, and conducted Miss Steele to Stone Hall. In the cheering for the Senior President, Miss Faith Talcott, the executive member from the class, was not forgotten.

A Japanese Girl.

One of the prettiest and most finished of Barnswallow entertainments was a two-act operetta, "A Japanese Girl," presented by members of the Sophomore Class, Saturday night.

One of the great events in the life of a Japanese girl is her coming of age on her eighteenth birthday, and this festival,—the preparations for it and its celebration,—formed the background for many pretty scenes. Those especially worthy of praise were the opening chorus, "Sing O-hay-o,"—a joyous salutation,—"Lullaby," where the bodies of the singers swayed in perfect rhythm, and "Tip-toe Chorus."

Though the operetta is not essentially comic, there are some amusing incidents, notably the sad plight of an English governess, Miss Know-all, when the dainty Japanese ladies find her asleep. Miss Daniels as Miss Know-all, did some excellent acting.

Just before the Finale, "All Hail," there was a wonderfully graceful little dance. The music of the operetta is light and delicate with many suggestions of the Oriental. Both solo and chorus work were remarkably well done and gave evidence of faithful practice.

After the curtain was dropped, the cast cheered for Rachel Pflaum, who is indeed to be congratulated on her very successful management, and then followed considerable complimentary cheering between 1903 and 1905. After an evening so thoroughly enjoyable, we are sorrier than ever to realize that the Barnswallow entertainments are nearly over for another year.

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There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some members of the College in regard to the appearance of the last issue of the College News on Wednesday. The editors wish to state that Wednesday is the regular day for the delivery of the News. During the past year it has been somewhat irregular, coming out sometimes on Wednesday, sometimes on Thursday. Owing to complications arising from a change in the board, the News has, since the Easter vacation, been late, until the last number. The editors hope that in the future it may always come out on time.

"There shall be no disturbing noise during recitation hours in halls of recitation.'

"In accordance with this rule all loud talking, laughing and stamping of feet in corridors of College Hall or other halls of recitation, during hours of recitation, shall be considered a deliberate violation of the rule and shall be dealt with accordingly."

Evidently this notice has not been fully digested, for the racket in College Hall corridors does not seem to diminish. We ought to be ashamed to have our attention called to a thing like this by a Student Government rule. It is something which mere courtesy to our instructors and fellow students should compel us to. Of course it is not a malicious spirit which impels a girl to whistle or sing on her way past a recitation room. It is only carelessness. But then, this carelessness ought not to be. We are not noisy boarding-school girls, we are college students, with a definite aim and purpose,—the attainment of high scholarship. We all believe in atmospheres, and we believe that better work can be done in a scholarly atmosphere. An atmosphere pierced with shouts and stamping is not—scholarly. It is quite impossible for a student to concentrate her attention upon a lecture, when the trend of her thought is being constantly interrupted by noise in the corridor outside. Let us remember that there is a time and a place for play, a time and a place for work, and let us endeavor with all our might and main to lower our voices and soften our steps in recitation halls during hours of recitation.

Christian Associations Elections.

The results of the Christian Association elections for next year are as follows:

President, Mary Eaton.
Vice-President, Adele Ogden.
Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Taylor.
Treasurer, Mabel Emerson.
Chairman General Aid Committee, Edith Moore.
Chairman Missionary Committee, Miss Breyfogle.
Chairman Religious Meetings Committee, Miss Moffett.
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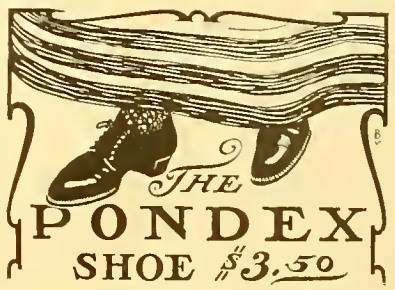
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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Saturday, May 16, 3.20, P. M., Teachers' Registry Meeting. Address by Miss McKeag.
7.30, P.M., Tau Zeta Epsilon Studio Reception.
Sunday, May 17, 11, A.M., services in Houghton Memorial chapel. Sermon by Rev. James Grant of Watertown.
7.30, P.M., address by Dr. Newmar of South End House of Boston.
Sunday, May 24, 11, A.M., services in Houghton Memorial chapel. Sermon by Rev. William R. Huntington, D.D., of Grace Church, New York City.
7.30, P.M., vespers with special music.
Monday, May 25, 7.30, P.M., in College Hall chapel, lecture by Mr. Curtis Guild under auspices of the History Department.
4-6, P.M., a play at the Barn by the Wellesley College Settlement Association for the benefit of Miss Stone's work in Kentucky.
Friday, May 29, 4.15, P.M., presentation of "Everyman" on the College Campus.
8, P.M., presentation of "The Sad Shepherd" on the College Campus.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Elva Young, president of the Alumnæ Association, spent a few days at the college last week.

Tickets for "Everyman" and "The Sad Shepherd," which are to be given May 29, on the college grounds, are on sale at the College Bookstore. There are no reserved seats. The price for students is one dollar, for outsiders, one dollar and a half.

Miss Helen Abbot Merrill, Associate Professor of Mathematics, who was studying last year in Germany, and is this year studying at Yale, visited here last week.

Miss Laura Reed, '01, has left the Philippines and will be here in time for Commencement.

THE HONORARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

On Saturday, May 9, the honorary scholarships for 1902-1903 were read in Chapel.

Class of 1903. Durant Scholars: Grace Edwards, Helen Lucas, Gertrude Schöpperle.

Wellesley College Scholars: S. Belle Ainslie, Louise W. Allen, Helene L. Buhlert, Mary H. Crombie, Flora A. Dobbin, Jessie S. Goodwin, Genevieve C. Hanna, Myrtle C. Hunt, Marjorie L. Nickerson, Annie R. Ripley, Belle W. Smith, Anne R. Torrence, Ruth Whitney.

Class of 1904, Durant Scholars: A. Mildred Franklin, Abbie H. Newton, Marion B. Potter, Mary G. Riley, Minnie L. Wholean, Euphemia R. Worthington.

Wellesley College Scholars: S. Louise Adams, Bessie W. Allen, Elsie Appel, Martha N. Brooks, Jane L. Burbank, Cora L. Butler, Louise B. Foster, Helen G. Fox, Gladys Gladding, Estelle C. Kramer, Eleanor P. Monroe, Clara S, More, Alice B. Phillips, Edna L. Taylor, Marion L. Townsend.

FREE PRESS.

I.

That there was an unusual amount of electioneering previous to the late Student Government elections few students on the campus or off it are likely to question. That much of this electioneering was of an indiscreet and undignified character many of the most ardent electioneers may themselves, in cold blood, be willing to admit. Personal affection for a candidate is, of course, not the primary reason that should prompt one in working to secure her election; nor should it in any way be permitted to color one's presentation of her executive attributes to a person whose sole interest in her is as in a prospective head of the Student Government Association—even when, as occasionally happens, such personal affection is grounded on the very quality that one believes pre-eminently to distinguish her as fittest for the presidency of that body.

An unprejudiced observer must admit that electioneering, by its conspicuousness, and its marked display of enthusiasm of a

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personal nature, overstepped the bounds of good sense and good taste. But because a number of students go to somewhat foolish extremes in their actions and expressions in following out their desire for the election of candidate who is their friend, it will hardly do to say, that, all personal considerations removed, these same girls do not reasonably and conscientiously believe that candidate the most deserving of election. It is easy to agree with a statement that the electioneering done by such girls was "open" and "systematic"—and it must furthermore be acknowledged that while openness and system are to be commended in clean electioneering for a national or state government political campaign, they are, even in legitimate electioneering, of questionable value in our smaller and necessarily more personal community. Electioneering of the personal tone described above should undoubtedly be condemned, but indiscriminately to term it "shameless" is to make a somewhat dangerously unjustifiable statement.

It is true that the writer of a Free Press article that appeared in the COLLEGE NEWS for last week evidently had in mind, in her condemnation of illegitimate electioneering, another element of the last "campaign" besides that of the existence of personal bias toward candidates. This element we are unable to discuss because we have not the data for doing so. Unlike the unwise extreme of personal enthusiasm which was evident to a disinterested observer who walked the campus or the corridors on the day of election, the other objectionable feature, so strongly emphasized by the Free Press correspondent, was not evident. The statement that there was a "deliberate campaign with the object to accomplish elections not to the good of Wellesley College, but to the glory of private organizations, in other words, society electioneering" is a charge of so serious a nature that the writer could scarcely have been willing to make it public or "representative members of the Faculty and Student Body" to approve it without the most substantial and convincing evidence to back it. It can easily be understood that this evidence might have been of so personal a character as to make its publication a matter to be deplored, and it may have been supposed that certain general allusions to "substantiated particular facts" and to "repeated testimony verifying suspicion" would be sufficient to bring to the mind of the individual voter definite specific instances that came within her own personal observation. If this has been accomplished one could only welcome the veil thrown over the charges. But as a matter of fact these charges, as stated in the article referred to, convey absolutely no definite or specific suggestions to a large number of earnest, thoughtful and totally disinterested participants in the election. That statements of so grave and comprehensive a character can be received by impartial and intelligent persons with surprise and bewilderment should be a matter of concern to those who made such statements. The advisability of publishing an explanation sufficiently explicit to elucidate and render convincing to the unprejudiced these vague statements may seem, under the circumstances, very questionable; yet it is to be hoped that for the sake of candidates, societies and fair-minded members of the Student Body the writer of the article referred to and the individuals who examined, discussed and approved it will consider their responsibility in the matter.

ANNA PRICE TATUM, '03

II.

The charges of open and intentional electioneering in the recent elections of the Student Government Association have raised several questions in our minds. One which has not yet been voiced in the Free Press is whether the Freshman class should have so much influence in choosing the student heads of the college. It is perhaps worth while to consider the advisability of excluding or restricting the Freshman vote.

In the course of her first year at college a student, and especially a village student, has small chance of becoming acquainted with members of the Junior class who are eligible for the offices of president and vice-president of the Student Government Asso-

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ciation; nor can she, in general, have gained such a broad view of college life and ideals as to enable her to form an intelligent opinion on the merits and claims of candidates, and their ability to carry forward those ideals. It follows, then, simply from the nature of the case, that her vote must be directed or influenced by members of the three upper classes. We may suppose that the motives of one who seeks to enlighten the Freshman voter are of the highest kind; she may present fairly and fully the claims of each candidate; she may lay aside every personal, class or society prejudice; and yet the fact remains that the Freshman is not voting independently. In general this ideal direction will not exist, for few of us can give advice independent of personal or other prejudices in matters which nearly concern us.

When foreigners enter this country we do not feel that they are prepared to vote at once, and native-born citizens do not attain their majority for twenty-one years. Is not a Freshman in the position of a foreigner or a minor in college life? Again, only Alumnæ of Wellesley of three years' standing may vote for the Alumnæ Trustees of the college. They are given that length of time to accustom themselves to their new duties and responsibilities, and become acquainted with and judge for themselves the merits of the candidates. Is it too much to require the Freshmen to wait a year before taking part in the election of the President of the Student Government Association? Through their representation in the Executive and Advisory Boards of the Association they will have a voice in the management of affairs, and can they not reasonably be expected to be as loyal to the president chosen by the three upper classes as if they themselves had cast their votes under an upper class girl's advice?

It is of course possible to try the method of lessening the importance of the Freshman vote. A system of rights based on the total number in each class could be devised by which the votes of the three upper classes would count for more. But it would nevertheless be true that the Freshman vote was not independent; hence the opportunity for electioneering among them would not be removed, while in a close election it would still be possible to make their vote turn the scale.

Certainly some remedy for the evils attending the recent elections should be sought for. The charges made are too serious to be ignored; but their open and definite character will help to raise the standard of public sentiment in regard to elections. Should not the question of removing the most fruitful source for this difficulty be carefully considered as well?

AN ALUMNA.

III.

Is this a time for charges of dishonorable conduct against each other? We are laying the foundation for the work of a new year; our "ship of state" has sailed but a short distance, yet already serious danger threatens, not from without, but the gravest danger that can assail us, divisions within.

Granted that there was electioneering in the recent campaign, it seems to the writer that the extent and methods have been exaggerated, that blame has fallen where blame was not due, and that much of the so-called electioneering was fair, open and honorable discussion of candidates, advisable for the sake of wise election. Electioneering for personal ambition should be condemned, but electioneering with a desire to obtain the best candidate is a different thing. Each whisper of dishonorable motive against members of the college lowers Student Government in the eyes of the world; it misrepresents, too, the loyalty of the student body to one who is more than worthy of our tribute of confidence, and into whose hands we gladly and proudly entrust Wellesley's honor for the coming year.

E. M. D., '02.

IV.

In a recent Free Press article in College News very serious charges have been made which throw a large number of people under the shadow of suspicion. The accusations of "corrup-

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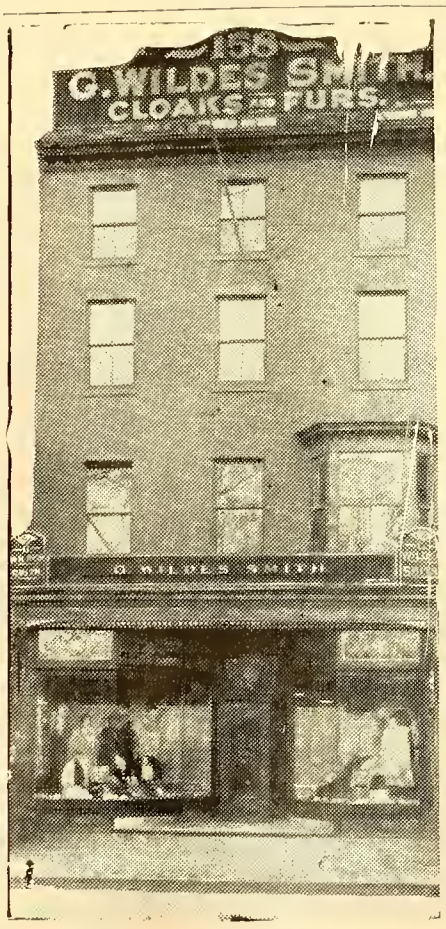

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tion," "dishonest campaigning," and "electioneering for a society or personal friend irrespective of her qualification," though said to be based on substantiated facts, are given without any definite facts or proofs which might leave to those accused that fair chance of defending themselves which is always considered the due of the party accused.

It is to the unfairness of making a public charge of so serious a nature without giving to the public the proofs by which one may judge for herself and of giving to the persons under such charge the right of defending themselves, that we protest. We certainly recognize that it is lamentable that anything of a personal nature must come into College News, yet in view of the fact that it was deemed necessary to bring forward such accusations, we believe it the right of both the person accused and of the public to demand definite facts.

In our inability to find in College News the foundation of the writer's statements, we have tried to follow up different tales prevalent in College, and again and again it has been found that the blackest of stories can be traced to the most innocent of sources. We have failed to find any account which could be substantiated of any kind of "corruption" or "dishonest campaigning." In the name of fairness and justice, therefore, we ask that any substantiated proof of such action be brought forward.

As to the charge of "electioneering for a personal or society friend irrespective of her qualifications," there can be no one outside of each individual girl herself who can know the motive for which she "electioneered" for a candidate. It is in no way possible for any outsider to judge of any girl whether her motive was "to bring forward the good qualities of a girl with the intention of getting the best girl into the office" or whether her aim was to elect a "personal or society friend irrespective of her qualifications." There are girls on the side of each of the candidates—both society and non-society girls—who freely admit that "electioneering" was carried on for all the candidates; yet each of these girls says—and the characters of the girls who say it are such as to command belief—that she believes that all the "electioneering" that was carried on on her side was done with honorable motives and in a legitimate fashion. How, then, can anyone, while feeling that she herself has acted with the best of motives, dare to decide that any other person, even though she has "electioneered" for another candidate, has done so with unworthy aims? FRANCES HELEN WARREN, 1903.

V.

It is only fair that the alumnæ readers of the College News should know that there are two sides to this question of electioneering.

In College further discussion seems unnecessary. The writer cannot say that she was non-partisan for she was—as she believes every loyal member of Student Government should be—strongly in favor of one particular candidate. In the house in which she lives are representatives of five societies, among them and among all the girls in the house the subject of elections was freely discussed. "Society intrigue" was never dreamed of. Whatever electioneering was done outside was not only legitimate but was done from a purely individual standpoint taken because of the firm conviction of the individual that the candidate was the girl for the place. Electioneering was done for all three candidates by society and non-society girls; members of the same societies were supporting different candidates, electioneering was carried on for the most part by girls of other societies than those represented by the candidate for whom they worked, who had absolutely nothing to gain or lose by the elections.

The author regrets this discussion but she feels called upon to state that it was not for the attainment of glory for friend or society that even individuals worked—much less societies as a whole—but in loyalty to the College and Student Government.

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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

Tree Day will occur on Friday, June 5. The Tree Day Exercises are not open to the public. Admission to the grounds on Tree Day will be by ticket issued only to former members of the College. Any former member of the College who wishes a ticket should apply to the Registrar, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope. These tickets are not transferable.

Miss Marion L. Taylor, '05, teacher of German at the Girls' Academy, Albany, N. Y., sails on June 6 for Naples. After travel in Italy, Miss Taylor will devote some weeks to study in Germany, returning in October to resume her duties at the Academy.

Miss Grace Loomis Hannum, '98, is teaching German and Literature at Cazenovia Seminary, Cazenovia, N. Y.

Miss Capps, formerly of '95, is traveling in Europe.

Miss Mary Esther Chase, '96, who has been ill with nervous prostration, is much improved in health.

Miss Lydia Wilkins, '96, is teaching in Iligan, Mindanas, Philippine Islands. She spent her vacation, last summer, in Japan, and plans to visit China this summer.

Miss Edith Whitlock, '96, holds a position in the Eye and Ear Infirmary at Portland, Maine.

Miss Charlotte Burnett, '96, is general understudy in Miss Marlowe's Company.

Miss Amelia A. Hall, '85, has a poem "In Lighter Vein" in the May Century.

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The present membership of the club is about six hundred. The annual dues of resident members are $10.00. Of non-resident members, $5.00. The initiation fee is $10.00. In applying for membership in the club the candidate's name should be proposed and seconded by club members in letters stating the candidate's qualification for membership, to the Chairman of the Committee on Admissions (13 East Twenty-fourth street.)

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bertha L. Sisson, 1900, to Mr. Alex Harper, Yale Sheffield School, '98, of Bristol, Connecticut.

The engagement is announced of Miss Grace L. Hannum, '98, to the Reverend Arthur Cleveland Clarke.

BIRTHS.

April 26, 1903, at Chester, Massachusetts, a daughter, Olive Parkman, to Mrs. Clara Keefe Gardner, '88.

February, 1903, a daughter, Anna, to Louise Orton Caldwell, '99.

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SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. Sarah Bixby Smith, '94, Elva Young, '96, Mrs. Anne Bixby Chamberlain, '97, Mary Capen, '98, Mary Leavens, '01 and Mary Hall, '02, were present at the regular meeting of the Agora on May 2d. The following program was presented:

IMPROMPTU SPEECHES.

I. Affairs in Manchuria, Ethel B. Doak
II. State of Affairs in Africa, Fanny Field
III. Latest Developments in Turkey, Louise W. Allen

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

I. England from the Norman Conquest to the Beginning of the Nineteenth Century, Helen Brown
II. England from the Nineteenth Century to the Present. Elizabeth Bass
III. Nineteenth Century Conditions in Europe, Elizabeth E. Miller
IV. America from the Sixteenth Century to the Present, Elizabeth C. Torrey

At a regular meeting of the Phi Sigma Soicety held May 2, the following program was rendered:

SOCIALISM OF WILLIAM MORRIS.

I. Life of William Morris, Socialist, Saidee Barrett
Recitations from "Poems by the Way."
"A Death Song," Ruth Young
II. The Ethics of Work.
"Art and Socialism,"
Evangeline Lukens
Recitation from "Poems by the Way."
"The Day is Coming,"
Eliza McCague
III. Morris's "Utopia,"
"News from Nowhere,"
"Dream of John Ball,"
Annie Bru[illegible]cClure
IV. Socialistic Principles of William Morris.
"Socialism: Its Growth and Outcome,"
Cora Butler
Reading of the "Rebound," Blanche Wenner

At a meeting of Society Zeta Alpha, held May 2, the following program was given:

1. The Influence of the Church on Russian Life and Letters. Miss Monroe
2. Educational Movements in Russia. Miss Clifford
3. The Development of Russian Architecture, Painting, and Sculpture. Miss Emmons
4. The Musicians of Russia. Miss Darby
5. Russian Poets and Poetry. Miss Hires

Theatrical Notes.

TREMONT THEATRE—"Peggy from Paris."
COLONIAL THEATRE—"A Chinese Honeymoon."
BOSTON MUSEUM—Charles Frohman's "The Unforeseen."
PARK THEATRE—"A Rose o' Plymouth Town."
BOSTON THEATRE—"Sherlock Holmes."
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